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Peer Pressure

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Let's think about three scenarios:

- A Christian teenager surrounded by young people who have little interest in living a moral life. Our teen feels as if she is the only one who is not enjoying sexual intimacy or taking drugs in her school.
- A young father of three is offered a promotion at his job. The extra money would be very useful. Like any father, he worries about feeding and sheltering his family. But the promotion will include some business colleagues who would jump at the chance.
- Elders who look at churches in the area that are apparently growing. It is suggested that all they need to do is to compromise their biblical convictions and they, too, will grow. (Church growth studies actually do not bear know).

Peer Pressure Is Not a New Thing.

The Israelites demanded to have a king "like all the nations" (1 Samuel 8:4,5). King Saul defended bringing back the "best of the sheep and the oxen" by explaining that "the people" made him do it (1 Samuel 15:15). The apostle consequence than being a Christian. It will not Peter shrank back from associating with Gentiles be popular with everybody. If you possess core because of the censure he feared he would principles, however, you will not allow the world's receive from certain visitors from Jerusalem censure to stop you living up to them. Get tough. (Galatians 2:11-13).

The World Is Not Benign

You might think that the world would be neutral about our Christian conviction, but it is not. The world cannot tolerate those who dare to take one step out of time with its ideals. The phrase "Do not be conformed" (Romans 12:2) indicates the heavy pressure we face from the world to conform to its baleful standards. J.B.

Phillips memorably rendered it this way: "Do not let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold." The NEB says: "Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world." Peter says that we are not "to be surprised" at the opposition of the world (1 Peter 4:12). Apparently, the world's opposition had come as an ugly shock to Peter's readers. It should not surprise us, however.

That's Why God Established the Church

We often refer to the church building as a practices that a Christian should not carry sanctuary. In history, fugitives have fled to a out. It is made clear to him that if he does church building and sought sanctuary there. But not take the promotion, there are several in reality, the sanctuary for Christians is the church. This is where we can get the support network we don't get "out there." Paul is constantly urging his readers to do and say things that "build up" ("edify") other Christians (Ephesians 4:29; 1 Corinthians 14:26).

It's a tough world out there. There are this out, but everybody's an expert, you people who are self-absorbed, harsh and angry. There is hatred all around. The church should be a safe place, where our words are thoughtful, loving and helpful to others.

Suck It Up, Cupcake!

Come on, guys, this Christian living is serious! You will do nothing of more "Lift up your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees" (Hebrews 12:12). We need to "stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

2019 Winter Bible Classes

Classes Offered:

AGE GROUP	LOCATION	SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	
Cradle Roll-Two Year Olds	Room 127	In the beginning Sandra Hopkins	In the beginning Ruth Roberson	
Three & Four Year Olds	Room 136	1 Kings 18-Luke Susan Pelfrey	1 Kings 18 - Luke	
Kindergarten & 1st Grade	Room 138	New Testament Matthew 18-Mark 16 Kisha Madison	New Testament in depth Matthew 18-Mark 16 Katherine Hopkins	
Second & Third Grade	Room 140	New Testament Acts 5 - 16 Linda Howell	Exodus (LTL) Sally Wallace	
Fourth & Fifth Grade	Room 142	New Testament Luke 7 - 15 Crystin Nash		
Middle School (6-8 Grade)	Teen Room	Exodus 1 - Leviticus 10 Eric Hagin	Mid Week Meal David Gulledge	
High School (9-12 Grade)	Teen Room	Exodus 1 – Leviticus 10 David Gulledge	Mid Week Meal David Gulledge	
Young Adults	Room 228	Brad Hopkins		
Adult Classes	Auditorium-	1 & 2 Corinthians - Joshua-Esther Galatians David Riley Dave Rogers Dave Rogers		
Ladies Class	Room 121	Bible Marking in 1 & Corinthians Luann Rogers		

*L2L: Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes –Exodus (April 2019).

Youth Events
(See David Gulledge with any questions)
2019
Jan 12 – "Feed the Homeless" – We will

meet in the fellow-

ship building to organize and prepare the lunch bags at 9am. The bus will leave the building at 10am.

Bible Bowl 2018-19, Sunday 3-5 pm Exodus Convention April 18-21, 2019 "I AM" Exodus 3:14

Snacks: 1/6/19 - Linda Armstrong 13 - Catherine Kelly 20 Janine Esler 27 Susan Pelfrey

Family Matters

Andrew Solomon – (Ruth Roberson's father) has been diagnosed with aplastic anemia (not enough new blood cells), and is receiving blood transfusions.

Hazel Cox – Donna Hagin's mother is recovering at home after back surgery. Her address is 3430 Sandy Circle, Macon, GA 31216.

Members With Health Issues: Gail Chapman, Mary Lawrence, Debbie Walding, Lilly Walker, Larry & Margie Fields, Bernice Gillespie, Decieta Lyons, Estell Higginbotham, David Riley, Susan Voyles, Gail Chapman, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Sally Wallace, Joann Crook, Doris Buckner, Mattie Williams, Una Fortson, RuPearl Sharpe, Lucille Amon, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Forest & Burma Chapman, Jim & Sharon O'Brien Shut-ins: Equillar Butler, David & Jill Nash, Annette Benefield, Ruby Fowler, Lillie Jones, Joe Clark, Frances Elder & Jane Lankford

Others With Health Problems: Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon Obrien's), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Nancy Neff (Amy Nash's mother), Ashley Johnson, Cassandra

Wright (Friend of Cory/Ruth Roberson), Mary Zackary (Theresa Green's sister), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Marilyn Newby (member at Forest Park COC), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Kandy Myers (Sally Wallace's sister), Patrick Kelly (Hugh/Connie's Son), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Cecil Hester (Tina Russell's father), Frances Jones (neighbor of Sally Wallace/Denise Greene), Mike Giles (Jim O'Brien), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Teresa Bryan (friend of Amy Nash), Nathan Schober (Andrea Laney's coworker), Diane Brown (Dave Rogers' cousin), Fred Mack (Andy Johnson's friend), Barbara McDowell, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyon's bro.), Steve Watts, Joyce Greene (Denise's mother), Patrick Shanahan (Linda Howell's nephew), Nita Mayfield (David/ Katherine Hopkins' friend), April Adams, Greg Brown & Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's cousin & niece), Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), Tom Holcomb (Annette's son-in-law), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./sis.-in-law) and Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's bro.-in-law)

(**NOTE**: Please help us keep this list up-to-date!)

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Winter Courses at Fayetteville church of Christ Campus 6-8:30pm, Upstairs Room 209

Monday, January 7—April 8, 6-8:30pm

Biblical Archaeology/Geography of Bible Lands— Instructor: Bobby Gayton

Thursday, January 10—April 11, 6-8:30pm
The World of the New Testament—Life, Customs and

2019 Progressive Meeting February 24 - 28, 2019 Guest Speaker: Bro. Melvin Otey "Making the Most Of My Worship" Churches of Christ

"Sun, 4 P.M. "The Meaning of Worship" (East Point COC)
Mon, 7 P.M. "Why God is Worthy of Worship" (Fairview COC)
Tue, 10:00 A.M. Bible Study "Exegesis on John 4:"
(Riverdale COC) (Lunch Provided)
Tue, 7 P.M. "When Your Seat is Empty" (Tara COC)
Wed, 7 P.M. "Preparing for the Presence of God" (Peachtree City COC)

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Dec. 30: Greg Nash, "Why Do You Hate Me?"

2019 Communion Sign Up is on the bulletin board. Your help is needed for March, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, & December. See Hugh or Connie Kelly with any questions.

<u>Calendar</u>

Dec 31 – New Year's Eve Party at 8pm

Jan 1, 2019 – Office Closed

Jan 6—New Quarter Starts

<u>Jan 12</u> – Feed The Homeless, we have a box in the office for coats, gloves, scarves & blankets

Jan 18 - SilverWings' Organizing Dinner



Feb 3 - Bridal Shower for Crystin Nash

hosted by Alycia (Findley) Hart & Maggie (Mobley) McGaughy in the fellowship hall.



Feb 9 – Ladies' Day, Recipe for the Heart, "A Study of the Beatitudes", Speaker: Sarah Fallis of Ft. Worth, Tx

	12/30		
Call To Worship	Greg Nash		
Scripture Reading	Jake Garner		
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell		
Prayer	Bill Ruffer		
Preside Lord's Supper	Corey Roberson		
Server	Rick Sharpe		
Server	Tim Tittle		
Server	Ben Rogers		
Server	Eric Hagin		
Server	Ron James		
Server	Paul Lyons		
Server	Andy Johnson		
Server	Charles Nash		
Sermon	Dave Rogers		
Response Elder	Tom Durden		
Announcements	Greg Nash		
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Garner		
Evening Worship			
Announcements	Greg Nash		
Song Leader	Jimmy Garner		
Prayer	Larry Fields		
Sermon	Dave Rogers		
Lord's Supper	Paul Lyons		
Lord's Supper	Andy Johnson		
Prayer	Anthony Stinson		

	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27
Call To Worship	Greg Nash	David Gulledge	David Gulledge	David Gulledge
Scripture Reading	Randell Bell	Reggie Graham	Randell Bell	Reggie Graham
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, Sr
Prayer	Andy Johnson	Tommy Chapman	Eric Hagen	Hugh Kelly
Preside Lord's Supper	Rick Sharpe	Dale Findley	Paul Lyons	Brad Hopkins
Server	Greg Curtis	Mike Fields	Greg Curtis	Mike Fields
Server	Larry Rose	James Walker	Larry Rose	James Walker
Server	Ben Rogers	Bobby Johnson	Ben Rogers	Bobby Johnson
Server	Hugh Kelly	Troy Cook	Hugh Kelly	Troy Cook
Server	Corey Roberson	Jim O'Brien	Corey Roberson	Jim O'Brien
Server	Zeke Poskevich	David Hopkins	Zeke Poskevich	David Hopkins
Server	Andrew Dalman	Steve Hopkins	Andrew Dalman	Steve Hopkins
Server	Gail Pelfrey	Curtis Hurt	Gail Pelfrey	Curtis Hurt
Sermon	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner	Jim Garner
Announcements	Greg Nash	David Gulledge	David Gulledge	David Gulledge
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Garner	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash
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Announcements	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	David Gulledge
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Dale Findley	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Keith Killingsworth	Ray Russell	Ferdinan Brumant	Ron James
Sermon	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Greg Curtis	Jim O'Brien	Hugh Kelly	Steve Hopkins
Lord's Supper	Larry Rose	David Hopkins	Corey Roberson	Curtis Hurt
Prayer	Lewis Armstrong	Ray Cozart	Larry Fields	Jake Garner

Worship Assignment Coordinator for December: Cliff Nash

Communion Preparation

Brenda Mitchell Jan Susie Graham Nursery 30 RuPearl Sharpe

Care of Building

16-31 Dennis Graham/Larry Fields

Ushers

30 Paul Lyons/Keith Killingsworth

Media Center Helpers

Dec 30 & Jan 6 Tad Durden Jan 15 & 20 Reggie Graham Jan 27 & Feb 3 Gayle Pelfrey

Wednesday Evening Devotional

Jan 3 Anthony Ravenell, 11 Jake Garner, 16 Ray Russell, 23 Stan Mitchell & 30 Eric Hagin

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Assembly Schedule: Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Class (September 4 - May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study



January 2019

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" 2 Peter 3:18

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Margie Fields Winter Quarter Starts today	7 GSOP Starts tonight 6-8:30pm Instructor: Bobby Gayton Tommy & Gall Chapman	8 Laura Gibson Tues day Moming Bible Study at 10am	9 Amy Nash Michele Chpaman Mid-Week Meat Teen Night	10 GSOP Starts tonight 6-8:30pm Intructor: Dave Domingue	11	Alycia Hart Feed the Homeless 9am - 1pm Zeke Poskevich
13 Richard Amon Zane Poskevich	14 Larry & Margie Fields	15 Mattle Williams Tuesday Moming Bible Study at 10am	16 Mid-Week Meat Teen Night	17	John Siebert SilverWings Night Schedule 2019 Calendar 6pm in the Fellowship Hall Tommy Chapman	19 RuPearl Sharpe
20 Maggie Lyn Nash	21 Nash Killingsworth Office Closed - MLK Day	22 Tuesday Moming Bible Study at 10am	23 Mid-Week Meat Teen Night	24	25 Lorette Keith	26
27 Song Service Susan Findley	28	29 Tuesday Moming Bible Study at 10am	30 Mid-Week Meat Teen Night	31	S M T V 3 4 5 6 10 11 12 1	1 2 6 7 8 9 3 14 15 16 0 21 22 23
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